

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Wheeling National Heritage Area

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Wheeling National Heritage Area	400	0	-400	0	-400
Total Requirements \$(000)	400	0	-400	0	-400

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681), the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999.

OVERVIEW

The NPS cooperates with the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, for the purpose of providing support to the city to develop a **Wheeling National Heritage Area**.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***Wheeling National Heritage Area
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$400,000

The funding provided in FY 1999 will enable continued National Park Service technical assistance for this project and help support other previously funded activities. Assistance will be provided for a variety of planning, design and implementing projects related to the ongoing cooperative efforts of the city of Wheeling, the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation (WNHAC), and the National Park Service.

Park Service technical assistance staff will maintain regular communications with the Executive Director of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation, and assist in the coordination of various meetings and work on

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strengthening partnerships with local government agencies and private partners; plan for, attend, and facilitate Artisan Center operations; consult with the Intermodal Center architects to assist in coordination of the proposed visitor center; provide assistance to the WNHAC to ensure that all design and construction projects are coordinated with other heritage area project work; encourage the integration of the heritage experience with local educational institutions; provide expertise on the Wheeling Heritage Port waterfront development plans and the contracting process; and establish conservation program goals with the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation Director, the Wheeling Heritage Area Board of Directors, and conservation coordinator.

Funds in the FY 1999 will be used for the development of Wheeling's Heritage Port and for continued development of interpretive exhibits and educational programs related to the history of the State of West Virginia at West Virginia's Independence Hall.

FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Wheeling Park Commission	0	-400

Wheeling Park Commission (-\$400,000): The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Wheeling Park Commission in FY 2000 to allow increased support for higher priority NPS programs. The commission lacks clear authority for ongoing Federal support.